

Licensing Act 2003 - Applications completed in 2025

Please find below a list of Licensing Act 2003 applications completed since 1 January 2025 by the Licensing Authority, Worthing Borough Council, for new Premises Licences, Variations to existing Premises Licences and Review applications.

The terms of the Licensing Act 2003 dictate that all 'new' application and 'variation' applications are published and consulted on. If no representations are received from 'Responsible Authorities' or any other persons such applications must be granted as applied for. If relevant representations are received and mediation between the parties is unsuccessful then the application has to be deliberated by a sub-committee of the Licensing & Control Committee B following a hearing.

'Minor variations' are also consulted on but only by 'public notice' on the premises, details posted on this website and any responsible authorities the licensing authority selects as relevant. If relevant representations are received and considered by officers to have implications under the licensing objectives then the application is simply rejected and a full variation has to be applied for.

'Review' applications cannot be withdrawn unless a licence is surrendered and must be heard by the full Licensing Committee B whatever agreement mediation may produce.

Soundcheck Rock & Metal Bar

An application for a new premises licence for a bar and music venue to be known as the 'Soundcheck Rock & Metal Bar'. The venue to be situated at 40 Marine Parade, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 3QA.

The application sought to authorise the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and the provision of regulated entertainment:

- Alcohol sales:
 - 12:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday - Thursday
 - 12:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Friday & Saturday
- Live music:
 - 12:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday - Saturday
- Recorded music:
 - 12:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday - Thursday
 - 12:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Friday & Saturday
- Performance of dance:
 - 20:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday - Thursday
 - 20:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Friday & Saturday
- Opening to the public:
 - 12:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday - Thursday
 - 12:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Friday & Saturday

The applicant offered a set of conditions to address the licensing conditions.

Licence holder and applicant: Soundcheck Rock & Metal Bars Ltd.

Consultation closed: Wednesday 5 February 2025

Committee Hearing: Cancelled - not required

Four relevant representations were received during consultation. From Sussex Police, the A&W Council's Environmental Protection Team, Worthing Pubwatch and a local resident.

The Licensing Act encourages mediation and this was conducted with all the representors and the applicant addressing the representors concerns by volunteering a set of enforceable conditions on the licence's operating schedule. As a result the representations have been withdrawn and consequently, an amended application was granted as per the terms of the Licensing Act 2003.

Spun

An application for a 'full variation' to the premises licence at 'Spun'. The store & cafe is situated at 1 Portland Square, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1QH.

Previously the licence had authorised the sale of alcohol for consumption on & off the premises between 12:00hrs and 22:30hrs Monday to Saturday and 12:00hrs and 15:30hrs Sunday. Live & recorded music were provided under an exemption under the act that allows premises licensed for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to provide the entertainment whilst alcohol sales are licensed & provided. (subject to a limit of 08:00hrs - 23:00hrs & a max. audience of 500 persons)

The application sought to vary the existing licence to authorise an extension of the hours for the sale of alcohol and to authorise the provision of live music, recorded music & late night refreshment.

- Alcohol Sales for consumption on & off the premises:
 - 12:00hrs to 23:30hrs Thursday
 - 12:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Friday & Saturday and
 - 12:00hrs to 18:30hrs Sunday
- Live music, recorded music:
 - 23:00hrs to 23:30hrs Thursday
 - 23:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Friday & Saturday
- Late-night refreshment:
 - 23:00hrs to 23:30hrs Thursday
 - 23:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Friday & Saturday
- Opening to the public:
 - 10:00hrs to 23:00hrs Monday - Wednesday
 - 10:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Thursday
 - 10:00hrs to 00:30hrs (of the following morning) Friday & Saturday
 - 10:00hrs to 19:00hrs Sunday

All other terms of licence to remain unchanged.

Licence holder and applicant: Mr Danny Giles & Mr Robert Watson

Consultation closed: Monday 13 January 2025

Committee Hearing: Held on Tuesday 04 February 2025

Eight relevant representations were received during consultation from members of the public/local residents. The Licensing Act 2003 encourages mediation and this was embarked on but only partially successful. Therefore, the application was referred to a Licensing & Control Sub-Committee hearing to consider and determine.

At the hearing the Sub-Committee considered all the written representations and heard statements from the applicant and representors. During the hearing the applicant confirmed that during mediation conditions covering:

- Worthing Pubwatch membership.
- Control measures to minimise noise from the premises including insulation, sound system and signage.
- Control measures regarding the use of the outside forecourt.

- Resident notification and consultation regarding larger events.

had been offered and the applicant volunteered these for inclusion in any licence that may be granted.

Having heard all the information provided the Sub-Committee resolved that the variation to the premises licence should be granted subject to the additional conditions volunteered by the applicant at the hearing and three additional conditions it imposed.

The Sub-Committee considered carefully the evidence before them and the representations made by the applicant and 8 members of the public. The committee accepted that Spun has on occasion caused a noise nuisance to residents through the music that has been played at the venue. However, it was not accepted that by increasing the hours proposed for the sale of alcohol and late-night refreshment that there would be an impact on the residents bearing in mind the opening hours of the other establishments selling alcohol in this immediate area.

Committee members were concerned that by increasing the provision of live & recorded music that this could impact on the public nuisance of noise but felt that the extra conditions offered by the applicant should negate the issue, especially taking into the account that the noise was worse in the summer months.

Regard was had to the Licensing Act's Statutory Guidance that stipulated that a licence should be granted if conditions can be added which would address the concerns raised by residents.

The Committee therefore granted the variation subject to the additional conditions volunteered by the applicant and the following imposed conditions:

- All doors and windows are to remain closed after 23:00hrs save for customer access.
- No drinks are to be consumed outside on the designate forecourt after 22:30hrs on any evening.
- The outside bottle bins are not to be used after 22:00hrs on any evening.

Believing that these conditions should restrict the noise from escaping from the premises and therefore not undermine the licensing objectives.

Aydo - International Supermarkets

An application for a new premises licence for a grocery store/local supermarket to be known as 'Aydo - International Supermarkets'. The store is to be situated at 38-42 Portland Road, Worthing, BN11 1QN.

The application sought authorisation for the sale of alcohol and late-night refreshment for consumption off the premises:

- Sale of alcohol:
 - 10:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Monday - Saturday
 - 10:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday
- Late night refreshment:
 - 23:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Monday - Saturday
- Opening to the public:
 - 07:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Monday - Saturday
 - 07:00hrs to 23:00hrs Sunday

The applicant offered a set of conditions in the operating schedule to address the licensing objectives.

Licence holder and applicant: Mr Aydin Unat

Consultation closed: Wednesday 8 January 2025

Committee Hearing: Held on Tuesday 04 February 2025

Three relevant representations were received during consultation. From a responsible authority, Sussex Police, and two members of the public.

The Licensing Act 2003 encourages mediation and this was embarked on but only partially successful. Therefore the application was referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee to consider and determine.

At the hearing the Sub-Committee considered all the written representations and heard statements from the applicant.

It resolved that a premises licence should be granted as applied for and to include the conditions that were agreed with Sussex Police during mediation covering:

- Digital CCTV provision.
- Staff Training requirements.
- Refusals & Incident recording logs.
- Challenge 25 age verification scheme provision.

The grant of the licence also to be subject to all the mandatory conditions required by the Licensing Act 2003 and all other relevant legislation.

The Sub-Committee considered carefully the evidence before them. Following successful mediation with the applicant Sussex Police had subsequently withdrawn their representation. The Committee considered the representations that had been made by two members of the public. However, with the conditions detailed in the operating schedule and the conditions agreed with Sussex Police the sub-committee was of the opinion that the licensing objectives would not be undermined and that if the licensing objectives were to be undermined the licence could be subject to a review.

Express Pizza & Chicken

An application for a new premises licence for a hot food takeaway with delivery service known as 'Express Pizza & Chicken'. The business is situated at 161 Tarring Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4HH.

The application sought to authorise the sale & provision of late-night refreshment for consumption on and off the premises:

- Provision of late night refreshment:
 - 23:00hrs to 05:00hrs (of the following morning) Monday to Sunday incl.
- Opening to the public:
 - 12:00hrs to 05:00hrs (of the following morning) Monday to Sunday incl.

There was no application for the sale of alcohol.

Licence holder and applicant: Mr Mohammad Haroon Mangal & Mr Wahid Khan

Consultation closed: Thursday 26 December 2024

Committee Hearing: Held on Monday 20 January 2025

Three relevant representations were received during consultation. Mediation was only partially successful, so the application was referred to a Licensing & Control Sub-Committee hearing to consider & determine.

At the hearing the Sub-Committee considered all the written & oral representations and heard statements from the applicant. It resolved that a premises licence should be granted authorising:

- The provision of late-night refreshment:
 - 23:00hrs to 00:00hrs (midnight) Monday - Sunday (incl.)

The premises licence to include the conditions that the applicant had agreed with Sussex Police during mediation.

In discharging its functions, the Sub-Committee did so with a view to promoting the Licensing objectives. The applicant had sought authorisation to provide for late-night refreshment from 23:00 hrs to 05:00 hrs (of the following morning) Monday - Sunday (incl.).

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant and Sussex Police had successfully mediated and agreed conditions should a Premises Licence be granted. However, the Sub-Committee also noted the concerns, regarding noise & public nuisance, from the A&W Environmental Protection Team and from a local resident. Both highlighted concerns regarding noise from delivery traffic, customer noise and noise in relation to running the premises. The premises are being situated in a mixed commercial residential area but with residential accommodation in the immediate vicinity. The Sub-Committee was advised that there are no other businesses within the immediate locality operating after midnight so noise in the quiet early hours of the morning would be even more impactful on local residents.

Due to these noise concerns the Sub-Committee was of the opinion that the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance would be undermined if the premises was open after midnight, until 05:00 hours, and that the applicants had not identified any steps that could be taken to alleviate this concern. Consequently, an amended licence was granted.

AudioActive

An application for a 'Minor Variation' to the premises licence at 'AudioActive'. The cafe-bar & music venue is situated at 85-87 Montague Street, Worthing, BN11 3BN.

The premises licence authorises the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and the provision of regulated entertainment.

The application sought to vary the existing Licence to amend a condition of licence that states:

- Whenever SIA door supervisors are on duty, they must be provided in accordance with the following:
 - at a ratio of 1 per 100 customers or part thereof, although at all times with a minimum of two.

To read:

- Whenever SIA door supervisors are on duty, they must be provided in accordance with the following:
 - at a ratio of 1 per 100 customers or part thereof, although at all times with a minimum of one.

No other changes were proposed.

Licence holder and applicant: AudioActive

Consultation closed: Wednesday 22 January 2025

Committee Hearing: Not required for a minor variation

For a minor variation application, in addition to the statutory 10 working day public consultation, the Licensing Authority has the discretion to consult any responsible authorities it considers necessary and relevant to the type of application. In this case, as it involved changes to a condition of licence that could potentially impact on the licensing objectives, Sussex Police, WSCC Fire & Rescue Service and the A&W Environmental Health Team were consulted.

No formal representations were received from members of the public or the authorities consulted. After due consideration officers considered the changes proposed unlikely to have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives. Consequently, the minor variation application was granted as per the terms of the Licensing Act 2003.

Bar Orange

An application for a 'Minor Variation' to the premises licence at 'Bar Orange'. The cafe-bar is situated at Unit 3 Revenue Chambers, 58C Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 1BG.

The premises licence authorises the sale of alcohol for consumption on & off the premises The licence authorises the sale of alcohol for consumption on & off the premises 08:00hrs to 00:00hrs Sunday – Thursday & 08:00hrs to 02:00hrs, of the following morning, Friday & Saturday.

The application sought to vary the existing Licence to amend a condition of licence that states:

- Security Industry Authority (SIA) door supervisors must be deployed at the premises in accordance with the following requirements:
 - From 21:00 until close on a Friday and Saturday

To read:

- Security Industry Authority (SIA) door supervisors must be deployed at the premises in accordance with the following requirements:
 - From 21:00 until close on a Friday and Saturday when open to the public.
 - From 21:00 until close on a Friday and Saturday for pre-booked private parties/events when the premises is open after 00:00hrs (midnight).

No other changes were proposed.

Licence holder and applicant: Miss Wendy Jones

Consultation closed: Tuesday 14 January 2025

Committee Hearing: Not required for a minor variation

For a minor variation application, in addition to the statutory 10 working day public consultation, the Licensing Authority has the discretion to consult any responsible authorities it considers necessary and relevant to the type of application. In this case, as it involved changes to a condition of licence that could potentially impact on the licensing objectives, Sussex Police, WSCC Fire & Rescue Service and the A&W Environmental Health Team were consulted.

No formal representations were received from members of the public or the authorities consulted. After due consideration officers considered the changes proposed unlikely to have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives. Consequently, the minor variation application was granted as per the terms of the Licensing Act 2003.
